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Commissioner Robert McDowell Federal Communications Commission 445 12th street, **SW** Washington, DC 20554

Subject: No Merger Between XM & Sins Satellite Radio!

Dear Commissioner McDowell.

I have been a customer and an avid listener of XM Satellite Radio for two years now and listening to satellite radio at home and in my car (minivan) is a great companion to have there's a lot of choices to listen to from music, to sports, news, and talk radio! I have been going on driving trips during the **summers** listening to the broadcasts of my favorite team the Seattle Mariners on XM Satellite Radio and it's very useful when driving in rural areas listening to the broadcast of my favorite team when Im far away.

After hearing the news yesterday (2/19) about the merger of XM & Sirius Satellite Radio, I like many other consumers are against the merger because this will be a monopoly, and monthly prices (which is currently \$12.95 a month) would sharply increase with poor service (less choices of channels and favorite channels disappearing) to go that with that! know what happens when companies merge **because** of my experience with the airline industry (I come from an airline family with my father and we used to work at two different dines) and everytime when airlines buy out each other they will be less airlines to choose, poor service, and increased ticket rates. That's what I don't want to see happen to satellite **radio!** We consumers need choices not **a** monopoly!

**So** please do not approve this merger between XM and Sirius Satellite Radio because this monopoly is certainly going to be trouble for us consumers! Thank you!

Sincerely.

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